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Why so angry?
See what Jayson Sharp has to say about the addictive 'angry birds' game.

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'SILENCE IS DEADLY'

Women march for right not to be raped

'Take Back the Night' march takes in-your-face approach to sexual assault awareness

Austin Enns coverage editor

Little kids wandered around the K-State Student Union Grand Ballroom last night both handing out noisemakers and making noise themselves. Tshirts hung from a clothesline set up on the stage, covered in messages like "Silence is deadly," and, "It doesn't take a weapon, fingers are weapons too." Women and men gathered as part of the annual Take Back the Night celebration, which raises awareness about violence against women.

As part of the main program, four women from the local community gathered on stage to share their stories. The tales were varied in tone; some were long narratives, and others were short autobiographical poems.

Ivone Damian, junior in elementary education, gave a confrontational speech about women's power.

"I am a feminist. Í believe in advocating for those who can't speak," Damian said. "Long live women."

One of the most emotional speeches of the evening was given by Donna Potts, associate professor in English, who shared her story about being sexually assaulted by a professor after her father's suicide. Potts also talked



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Amelia Engel (front left), student in women's studies, and Kelsey Longpine (front right), junior in political science and women's studies, lead a group of women and men through Aggieville during the "Take Back the Night" march Thrusday evening.

about the process of healing she went through, like when she started working for a rape and abuse hotline.

"I learned that rape is about power," Potts said. "Quickly, what seemed like my own private hell became crowded

Potts urged the audience to comfort and offer support to friends who had

been sexually assaulted. Meredith Lindsey, senior in mass communications and theater, spoke without the help of a microphone, anger and confidence ringing throughout the ballroom.

"My name is Meredith Lindsey and I am a sexual assault survivor," Lindsey said. "Many women who are raped or assaulted or abused are classified as

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K-State sophomore wins national championship

Persuasion category considered 'most prestigious and toughest'

Sam Diederich

After only two years of college competition, Jenna Surprenant won a national title in forensics, and she did so in persuasive fashion.

Surprenant, a sophomore in communication studies, won the national championship in persuasion at the 2011 American Forensics Association National Individual Events Tournament on April 4. Though there are several national tournaments in the course of a forensics season, the AFA tournament is considered to be the toughest, said Robert Imbody, forensics coach and instructor

of communication studies. "This is the most prestigious and toughest collegiate forensics competition in the country," Imbody said. "It's hard to qualify for; only about 10 percent who compete in a forensics season actually qualify for it. Out of those students, there were only about 150 students qualified to speak in the persuasion category."

To secure one of the six spots in the final round of competition, Surprenant had to advance through three rounds of preliminary competition and three elimination rounds. Once she reached the championship round, she delivered her speech to a panel of five judges.

The competition spans three days, and can become grueling, but Imbody said Surprenant was well-prepared to face the rigors of a weekend long competition. "Jenna is one of the smartest students

that I've ever had a chance to work with. She's book smart, but apart from that, she is a competitor," Imbody said. "She has been competing in forensics since sixth grade, and she has had good coaching and knows how to conduct herself in a tough final round."

Despite her extensive experience in forensics, Surprenant had only two years of experience in collegiate competitions, and so did not enter the tournament with her eyes on the championship trophy.

"Of course I hoped that I would be a national champion eventually, but I didn't expect it to become a reality so quickly," Surprenant said. "I knew I put in the hard work, but there is only one champion every year, and there are 150 students, so

the odds are against you."

Though Imbody knew Surprenant had championship potential, he did not expect her to walk away from the AFA tournament with a trophy this early in

The fact that she won a national title in her second year of competing is spectacular," Imbody said. "We hoped for it eventually, but it isn't something we went into the competition hoping for because it is so competitive."

Though Surprenant's speech was wellrehearsed, the excitement of competition presented difficulties in terms of delivery.

"One of the things you have to do is not get too excited about advancing because if you get the adrenaline rushing, you tend to speed through speeches rather than make a good delivery," Surprenant said. "As I moved into the quarterfinals and semifinals, I just tried to shut down the my excitement because I didn't want it to affect my speeches."

Surprenant said her teammates became valuable assets as she moved through the

tournament's elimination rounds. "My teammates were always there for me during my out rounds. They would calm me down and make sure I didn't psych myself out," Surprenant said. "My teammates were just as much of a part of

After surviving three rounds of elimination, Surprenant delivered her speech in the championship round. Like a veteran point guard, Surprenant stepped up to the

challenge and executed her game plan. "It's really hard to put into words how amazing of an achievement this is," Imbody said. "There are thousands and thousands of students that compete yearlong for four years and they never accomplish what she has done in just her second

year. It's amazing."

Even with a trophy already on the mantle, the competitor in Surprenant knows more work needs to be done if she hopes to repeat as champion next year.

'It's a huge honor, and I'm so grateful, but I do understand at the same time that next year is a whole new year," Surprenant said. "I don't have any guaranteed success. I still have to work just as hard for it."

After denying leave, Army lets soldier attend son's funeral



Emergency leave denied because fiancee's 1-year-old child not related by blood

staff writer

It was DNA that kept him away, but love that is bringing him home. Army specialist Nick Owen was previously denied army relief to return home to attend the funeral for 1-year-old Kaylien Gonzales, who he considered his son. Now, almost a week after the boy's passing, Owen has been granted permission to return home and say his

final goodbyes.

1-year-old Gonzales suddenly fell ill Sunday, April 10. When he stopped breathing, he was airlifted to Wichita from their hometown of Garden City, Kan. However, Gonzales' heart stopped beating during transit, and the medical professionals were unable to revive him. He passed away Sunday.

Owen is currently stationed at Camp Arifjon in Kuwait City, Kuwait. After Kaylien's passing, Owen requested permission to return for the funeral services, and to be with his fiancee and Kaylien's mother, Megan Gonzales.

However, he was denied initial permission because Kaylien was not a blood

According to the U.S. Army's 136page policy on leaves, soldiers are allowed emergency leave for deaths in their immediate family, including parents, children, spouse, sisters, brothers, only living blood relatives and a person in loco parentis. Since Owen is not Kaylien's biological or adoptive father, he is not considered to be a blood relative.

"They do consider requests on a case-to-case basis, however," said Nidia Ortega-Herrera, a high school friend of

Owen was in the process of adopting Kaylien. However, the process had yet to be finalized.

In attempts to influence the Army's decision to let Owen come home, family and supporters rallied around the man and the young child. A Face-book page titled "Bring Nick Owen Home" drew supporters and spread the message during the week. By Thursday afternoon, it had gained almost 11,000 fans and was still growing. Owen told a KSN News reporter on April 14 that "he heard even First Lady Öbama clicked on it to support his cause."

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Senate elects 2011-12 officers

Senate elects speaker, intern coordinator, speaker pro tempore

Danny Davis senior staff writer

Natalie Rauth, student senator from the College of Arts and Sciences, was elected as speaker of Student Senate last night. The 2011-12 Student Senate term held its first meeting which included the election of several SGA officers.

With a vote of 29-10-8-8, Rauth received a majority vote without the need of a runoff election. Sarah Works, student senator from the College of Arts and Sciences, received the next highest vote total with 10 votes, followed by Kyle Nuss, student senator from the College of Architecture, Planning and Design, and Megan De-Force, student senator from the College of Arts and Sciences, who tied with eight votes.

Before the vote, the candidates were allowed to speak to senate and present a platform. Rauth presented her RIO plan, representing retention, intern program and outreach.

Senate, she said, could be likened to a rio, Spanish for "river," because it is a large powerful body.

Nearly a third of the senate resigned during the previous term, she said, therefore she wanted to focus on the retention of senators. She proposed doing that by holding senate retreats, pairing new senators with older senators in a mentoring program, and holding training sessions.

For the intern program, she also proposed retreats for in-terns during both the fall and spring semesters.

For outreach, she suggested holding a campus leadership summit to meet with leaders and outline goals for K-State. Her plan also called for senators to hold meetings within their individual colleges to meet with their constituents.

"I've come to realize you can't make people care; that's not what this plan is about," Rauth said. "This is a plan to actively engage people who do

Emilee Taylor, student sena-tor from the College of Human Ecology, said that Rauth has the ability to lead in an efficient way. She also was awarded the Woman Student Leader award at this year's annual SGA Banquet.

Following Rauth's election, senate voted for a speaker pro tempore.

In a separate election, Works received a majority vote with 31 votes. Nuss was the runner-up with 13 votes followed by DeForce with 10.

Works said she was qualified to be speaker pro temper based on her experience of serving as chief of staff for the previous senate term.

Part of the speaker pro tempore is to lead the Diversity Programming Committee.
Michelle Hill, student sena-

tor from the College of Agriculture, said that works had an extensive background in diversity. Both senators went to Taiwan as Kansas Agriculture Representatives.

For the program, they had to go through large amounts of diversity training.

Tyler Tannahill, student senator from the College of

Arts and Sciences, was voted to serve as intern coordinator. He said the intern program is critical because it is the only representation from the new freshman class.

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The Thursday, 14 April Collegian had the following errors. The subhead stating the "audit will not affect NBAF facility," was taken from Kansas Sen. Susan Wagle's comment and should not have been stated without attribution.

The paper also incorrectly stated a government shutdown occurred in 1999. We at the Collegian regret the errors.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

President of student body says goodbye



Thanks, K-State students, for a great year.

It is truly incredible how time flies during the student body presidential term. I remember writing my "Hello Campus" letter like it was yesterday.

On behalf of Vice President Annie Oliver and the rest of our administration, I would like to extend our gratitude to everyone who helped make the past year one of accomplished goals and betterment of the student experience at K-State.

Our first platform was financial accountability. The past year has seen responsible changes in the student privilege fee, with any significant changes going to the expanding Rec Center and ensuring that it is properly staffed and maintained. Additionally, in a time of economic uncertainty, we were able to recommend a modest 3.96 percent increase in tuition, which is among the lowest increases in the state of Kansas and across the nation.

Our second platform, a cutting-edge classroom experience, has led to the creation of the Enhanced Classroom Experience Committee, a consortium between students and faculty to advance the classroom experience at K-State and make it the best

in the Big 12. This committee continues to thrive and will be maintained through the next administration, and you can anticipate a rollout of some new classroom enhancements in the coming school year.

Our final platform was a belief in a diverse future. The goal was to continually support the efforts of various campus groups to bring about the intellectual discussions that foster a more diverse and thought-provoking experience at K-State. From welcoming Sir Ken Robinson and Justice Sotomayor, to the robust amount of diversity events and programming passed through SGA, we believe that the K-State community has seen and participated in many great events this year.

K-State is a great institution. We have tremendous leadership in our administration, faculty and staff. Our academics are personable: our students are not a number. We have world-class athletics, great opportunities for student involvement and a level of affordability that creates great accessibility.

Our campaign platform was "Believing in You." This past year reaffirmed that K-State students do great things day-in and day-out, and the future is brighter because of each and every one of you.

This past year was truly a life-changing experience. Thank you so very much for the opportunity. Go Cats.

Danny Unruh **Student Body President**

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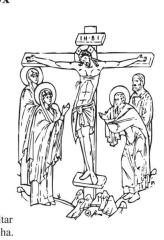
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Angry Birds revolutionizes games with addictive play, 'cheep' price



"Angry Birds" **★★★☆**

Game review by Jayson Sharp

Almost everyone I know carries around the new breed of gaming console: the touchscreen device. The casual games you can play on these mini-consoles can vary widely from simple puzzles to motionsensing driving games. One of these games that has become a household name since its original release in 2009, "Angry Birds," now has several different variations and imitators throughout the numerous app stores. How did this small Finnish company become such a powerhouse of the gaming industry? This rise in the casual gaming industry has produced more than just one hit, but an

entire genre. "Angry Birds" is a small game application that can be downloaded onto many different types of devices for about

It also features a "lite" version that allows you to play through several levels, but not the whole game, for free. The objective of the game is simple: destroy your enemies by hurling different kinds of birds at your foes' buildings, which are made of of stone, wood and glass. Each bird has its own abilities, and a player's use of those abilities can determine whether or not you can complete a level. Your standard cannonball bird is just a weight you can throw at a wall, but there is also a bird that can get a burst of speed when activated. One type of bird can either explode after a short time or even be detonated manually.

The game itself isn't anything new; I have seen variations of the "Castle Destroyer"-style game since the mid 2000s, but "Angry Birds" was the first game to truly hit the mainstream. The reason this game stays so fresh

is that there are so many different levels to play, and it has a very good rating system used to grade your performance. I've seen a person replay the same level for an entire class period trying to get all three stars on one of the tougher levels.

"Angry Birds" is now a household name, and it's a game that costs less than a bottle of soda. Not every game needs to have a multimilliondollar budget to make it big. A solid idea, creative content and a decent distribution system can turn any small time programmer into millionaire. If you don't already have "Angry Birds," or don't have a touchscreen phone, Rovio has released console and PC versions of their games as well. This is a great title that I can guarantee will give you your

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money's worth.

Take Charge energy efficiency challenge wraps up first quarter

Sam Diederich news editor

Read through the standings of the Take Charge Energy Challenge, and you can almost hear K-State play-by-play broadcaster Stan Weber an-nouncing the results like a football score.

"Through the first quarter of competition, K-State and Manhattan hold a one category advantage over the Jayhawks of Lawrence. This one could go down to the wire," Weber might say.

The Take Charge competi-

tion pits cities from regions across Kansas against each other in a contest to see which city can become the most energy efficient. With the first quarter of the energy efficiency challenge in the books, K-State and the Manhattan area can enjoy a lead in two of the three categories.

K-State holds leads in energy efficiency measures, which includes homes and businesses switching to more energy efficient light bulbs or thermostats, and in community engagement, which includes public education and outreach

"At K-State, we've done a really good job of marketing this competition," said Ben Champion, director of sustainability. "There's been a lot of good media. We've had some good radio play in town. A lot of those things can contribute in small ways and together they equal a lot of participation."

In addition to media coverage, K-State has engaged students on campus and used events such as basketball games to deliver information about the competition. The efforts have been effective, Champion said.

"By getting the word out,

we've been able to educate people in town, and we can earn points (in the competition) for doing that," Champion said. "Our approach here has been pretty effective at at least informing people that the

competition is going on."

Though Champion and other competition leadership have been successful in their efforts to raise awareness of the competition, K-State and Manhattan still lag behind in the third category, whole house retrofits, which measures the number of energy audits completed by homes and busi-

"One of the objectives is awareness-building, but another is to actually take action, to implement some energy-saving solutions and save our

Ben Champion director of sustainability

community money."

According to the first quarter Take Charge standings through March 15, Lawrence residents have undergone 51 energy audits, while Manhattan residents have only completed four.

"One of the objectives is awareness building, but another is to actually take action, to implement some energy saving solutions and save our commu-

nity money," Champion said.
The deficit in energy audits is not only due to a lack of interest from residents, Champion said.

"The biggest issue there is that Lawrence has six energy auditors that are located in Lawrence itself, and we have one person who is a part-time auditor, but he is not taking on additional audits," Champion said. "We basically don't have anyone in Manhattan that is doing these audits, which is the first step towards getting spots in the auditing category.

To overcome the lack of certified energy auditors, Champion has been compiling a list of households and businesses willing to undergo an audit. Champion hopes an extensive list will encourage an out of town auditor to make the trip to Manhattan. Another option more directly involves Manhattan residents.

The other thing that could is that we can encourage people in our community to get trained as professional energy auditors. Conveniently, one of the places to do that is located right here in Manhattan," Champion said, referring to Kansas Building Sciences Institute. "It's one of only three places in the state where people can be trained to become an energy auditor."

Beyond the energy audits, standings and competition, Champion said the Take Charge challenge has been effective at illuminating the challenges and obstacles in energy efficiency.

"That's part of the learning process, and in some ways that's why we joined the competition," Champion said. "Without the program, would we have known that we don't have enough auditors in town or contractors to do the work? We are finding that out right

'Whether we beat KU or not, hopefully we will have more businesses in town willing to do the work, and as time goes on we will see more energy efficiency efforts around here, Champion said.

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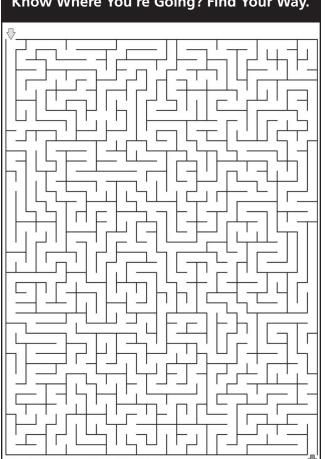
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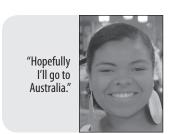


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Army's hesitation to grant emergency leave unjustified



As you read this column, U.S. Army Spec. Nick Owen should have arrived at his Garden City home to be with his fiancee and bury her 1-year-old son. This was not the case 48 hours earlier when

this was originally penned.
Tuesday night, while working in the Collegian newsroom, I took a phone call that seemed too sad to be true. Nidia Ortega-Herrera, K-State student and friend of the affected family, called to inform us of a situation in which Owen was refused emergency leave from Kuwait to bury his fiancee's 1-yearold son, Kaylien Gonzales.

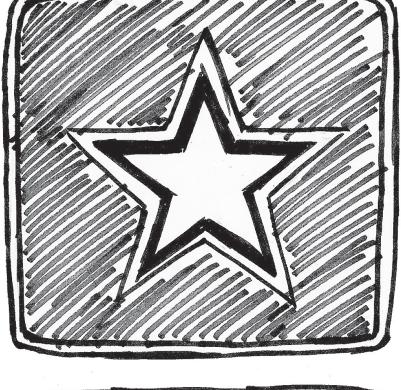
While the Army reversed their original decision and allowed Owen to come home, it did so for the wrong reasons. The Army clearly reacted to the publicity this story received by the media and was not guided or influenced by basic human morals.

Ortega-Herrera told me Owen had been a father to Kaylien since the day of his birth. In fact, Owen joined the military to financially support his fiancee, Megan Gonzales and their young son. In a cruel irony, the same place he turned to help him take care of his budding family attempted to keep them apart in a time when they need each other most. In a profession driven on respect, there is no reason in this case the military cannot allow this soldier time home to pay his respects to Kaylien.

As a veteran, this disgusts me. Let's get something clear. Owen is currently serving in Kuwait. While he's receiving a small amount of combat pay and enjoys the benefits of tax-free pay because he's in a "war zone," he is far from danger. Owen is not disarming roadside bombs in the mountains of Afghanistan; he's sitting in a friendly country with, most likely, access to more food eateries and recreational activities than some bases in America have

I don't mean to suggest Owen isn't performing his duties admirably. I respect and appreciate the sacrifices of all my brothers and sisters in arms. But to glorify the peaceful missions of soldiers in wartime allows military units to argue why soldiers in these types of situations shouldn't return stateside. It is not unpatriotic to acknowledge our military has flaws; however, it is dishonorable to withhold basic human decency under false pretense.

In Army Regulation 600-8-10, Leaves and Passes, the military states it will grant emergency leave for the death of an immediate family member including





NOT FAMILY STRONG.

Illustration by Kelsey Welliver

stepsiblings and stepchildren. Like all military doctrine, they attached a cover-all-extenuatingcircumstances with the "case by case basis" clause. The military states mission at hand is the most important factor in granting the emergency requests. As someone who was stationed at a forward operating base in Iraq, I have a hard time seeing how the military can justify the mission in a friendly territory is too essential for this soldier to come home to be with his family and bury his son. Had Owen married his fiancee and adopted Kaylien prior to leaving this would not have been an issue. The culture in the military drives young soldiers to rush into marriage and I applaud Owen for not letting a deployment influence his decision.

The most disheartening aspect of this situation is that the commanders had the ability to waive the bloodline requirement and grant this soldier leave from the

beginning. As a young soldier, I was granted such an exception to get emergency leave for a death in my family.

If this soldier's chain of command was worth a damn, the non-commissioned officers would know this young specialist well enough to know he has been in this boy's life since day one and to recognize the role he played in his life. As a former staff sergeant, it was not just my duty to accomplish the mission, but to take care of the welfare of my soldiers. While at war, a soldier's welfare hinges on the belief that his family is taken care of. Owen was robbed of that welfare and his leaders failed him. If his NCOs do not know him well enough to go up the chain of command and speak on his behalf, they have brought shame upon our core. NCOs are known as the backbone of the

military for a reason. If Americans love their soldiers, they should be uniting around a

soldier like this who is willing to risk punishment by taking to the media in support of his cause.

When I was in Iraq, our commanders preached about winning the hearts and minds of the locals to win the war. Why can't we apply those practices to our own and put families first whenever possible? Despite finally being able to go home, Owen was handed a more traumatic experience through this ordeal than what he will see serving in Kuwait. If the Army hopes to recruit and retrain good soldiers, the leaders need to change ignorant practices like these. Families support these soldiers everyday and they deserve better.

Thank you for your service Spec. Owen. I am glad you were finally granted the leave you deserved.

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Republican plan targets women's health, not abortions



That's right, I said it: Republicans hate women. In a column I wrote on Feb. 8, I discussed how Republicans would love nothing more than to add "forcible" to the legal definition of rape and change rape "victims" into "accusers." But an even more recent example proves quite clearly that Republicans simply do not like the women of this country. The budget battle that

ended late last week basically revolved around how much each party was willing to cut government spending, but one of the biggest obstacles, if not the biggest, was funding for Planned Parenthood. Democrats wanted to maintain current funding for it and Republicans would rather cut all funding for it. While the Republicans want you to believe the battle was over federal funding over abortions, it certainly was

A provision in each year's appropriations bill known as the Hyde Amendment named for its author, former Republican Representative Henry J. Hyde of Illinois prevents any federal funding from paying for abortions, except in extreme cases involving the health of the

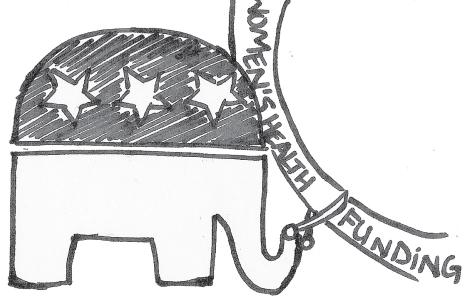


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mother, rape and incest. It forces organizations like Planned Parenthood, which takes in some of its funding from the government, to use private donations and other sources of funding to per-

Not only does Planned Parenthood not use its federal funding on abortions, those services only account for a small fraction of their overall activity. According to Planned Parenthood's 2008-2009 Annual Report, only 3 percent of its total services include abortion, while 35 percent is in contraceptives

form any of its abortions.

and another 34 percent includes STD testing and treatment. Overall, the vast majority of their activity is in pregnancy prevention and maintaining sexual health.

If you think about it, funding those kinds of services now saves taxpayers a lot of money in the future. As Ezra Klein pointed out in his Washington Post blog on April 8, "it's somewhat cold to put it in these terms, but taxpayers end up bearing a lot of the expense for unintended pregnancies among people without the means to care for their children.

The same goes for preventable cancers and sexually transmitted diseases such as HIV/AIDS."

But because none of the federal funding actually goes to abortion, the Republican plan would cut those contraceptive and sexual health services. Thankfully, the budget deal worked out late Friday should maintain funding for family planning services such as Planned Parenthood, according to a New York Times article about the budget deal on April 9.

That doesn't mean

Planned Parenthood is off the hook, though. This budget deal will only fund the government for the next six months and Republicans have proven time and again that cutting funding for women's health programs is a top priority. The next round of negotiations will almost certainly bring up this issue again and Democrats have already given in on billions of dollars of funding, leaving them with little else with which to bargain. Add to that the upcoming elections and there will surely be another big battle over funding of family planning services.

To be clear, I fully support a woman's right to choose abortion, mostly because, as a man, I will never be in that position and can never fully understand its implications. Those choices should be left solely to women. But, as I stated before, the budget battle was clearly not about abortion.

Republicans know very well that Planned Parenthood cannot and does not use any of its federal funding on abortions. They also know the funding Planned Parenthood receives from the government goes to keeping women sexually healthy. Still, they demand that all of its funding be cut, not because they care about abortion, but because they just do not like women.

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Wildcat tennis team takes on Oklahoma this weekend

Danny Davis senior staff writer

The No. 41 Wildcat women's tennis team continues Big 12 Conference competition today in its fourth straight ranked week. It beings the weekend at No. 21 Oklahoma in Norman, Okla., and continues with Oklaho-

ma State in Stillwater, Okla. K-State head coach Steve Bietau said Oklahoma will be a strong opponent as it is becoming an elite team within the conference.

The Wildcats will look to break the Sooners fourmatch win streak over K-State. The last time K-State defeated Oklahoma was in the first round of the 2006 Big 12 Championship after also beating them in regular season play.

Wildcat's are accustomed to facing ranked opponents this season; Oklahoma will be the 10th. Against ranked

opponents, the Wildcats are 4-5, a record they hope to even out today.

This year might be the year the Wildcats overcome the Sooners: the Wildcats are in the midst of the best start in the program's history, a record of 13-5 and Big 12

Sunday's match puts the Wildcats in a similar situation as Oklahoma State holds a record of 31-5 over K-State. One of those Wildcat victories came last year when they defeated the Cowgirls in Wamego. The only Wildcat victory in Stillwater was in March 2003.

K-State remains ranked despite losing to then-No. 73 Missouri last weekend. The Wildcats lost 5-2 in a match that saw the injury of the team's only senior Antea

Before the Missouri match, K-State massacred Colorado in a bloodbath

of 7-0. The win marked the second time for the season that the Wildcats obliterated a scoreless opponent.

No. 53 freshman Petra Niedermayerova is two singles wins away from tying for ninth for the K-State school record in the event. Already, the standout freshman is ranked third in school history with 20 wins in her first

In the rankings, the Big 12 is represented by seven teams other than K-State, including Baylor, Texas and Nebraska. K-State is in the bottom half of the pack with only two conference opponents ranked behind them, Texas Tech and Missouri.

After their matches in Oklahoma, the Wildcats will finish their regular season on April 23 at KU. The 2011 Big 12 Championships are the following week, April 28 through May 1, in Waco,

Wildcats look for consistency on road trip to Lincoln, Neb.



Carlos Salazar | Collegian

Junior infielder **Jake Brown** bunts a pitch during Wednesday night's game against the Wichita State Shockers. The Wildcats beat the Shockers 5-2.

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K-State will make its second trip to Nebraska when it takes on the Cornhuskers in Lincoln at Hawks Field. The first game is set to start tomorrow at 3 p.m., while the teams will finish up the series on Sunday and Monday, both starting at 1 p.m. It will be the second meeting of the season between the two teams. The first game was originally scheduled to start today, but with some heavy rain coming in, the series was bumped up

one day. The Wildcats took the first game of the season against the Huskers on March 16, when they pulled out a nailbiting 6-5 victory at Tointon Family Stadium. Junior outfielder Mike Kindel and infielder/outfielder Kent Urban each hit three home runs. The Wildcat

pitchers also fanned 11 bat-

Nebraska is in 11th place in the Big 12 Conference with a record of 22-13 overall and 3-6 in the conference, while K-State is in 10th place, with a record of 19-13 overall and 4-8 in the conference.

The Cornhuskers lead the conference in a number of categories. Cody Asche is batting .346, which is eighth in the Big 12. He leads with nine home runs and 18 doubles this season. Casey Hauptman is third in the conference with a 1.23 ERA and is also 5-2 on the season.

'They're a good team and we're going to have to come out of the gates hard," junior infielder Jake Brown said. "We're going to have to be prepared for a lot of stuff this

weekend and play well." Nebraska and K-State are both coming off victories over Wichita State. The Cornhuskers beat them 5-4,

while the Wildcats won 5-2.

Kindel was the best hitter for the team in the game against the Shockers going 2-for-4. He currently has a .259 average and is second on the team with 26 RBIs. Junior outfielder Nick Martini continues to impress, leading the team with a .330 batting average along with

nine doubles. "Right now we're trying to find some combination of guys that can string together at bats," head coach Brad Hill said. "It's all about consistency and we need to find guys who can give us more than one or two games of good

consistent hitting." Junior pitcher James Allen also continues to be a strong closer for the team, leading the league with 10 saves on the season.

The series can be heard on SportsRadio KMAN-AM 1350 or online at *kstatesports*. com and 1350kman.com.

Western squad advances; Hunter drops in first round



Matt Binter | Collegian

Sophomore **Kali Yates** competes in the equitation over fences event in the match against New Mexico State on Mar. 12 at Timber Creek Stables in Manhattan.

Paul Harris

senior staff writer

The 2010 Western Reserve National Champions are on to the next round in this year's Varsity Equestrian National Championship competition. The seventh-seeded western squad dismantled the 10th-seeded University of Tennesee-Martin by a score of 8-0 on Thursday at the Extraco Events Center in Waco, Texas.

Senior Alecia Zimbelman ntinued her winning ways in reigning. Zimbelman has notched a victory every year she has competed at VENC. Sam Etsell has been just as efficient by notching her fifth

straight victory. Etsell has not lost a match since Feb.

Junior Alayna Warner and freshman Jordan Cox also picked up wins. Cox was not the only freshman to pick up wins for the Wildcat, as freshmen Kelly Bovaird, Chayna DeNicolo and Hannah Ribera secured their victories in their first rides at nationals.

The western team will face Big 12 Conference member Oklahoma State today in the next round of competition. The Cowgirls have bested the Wildcats in their first two meetings, but as they say, the

third time is the charm. The Hunter Seat squad was not as lucky as their western counterparts. The ninth-seeded Texas Christian University Horned Frogs dispatched the eighth-seeded Wildcats. The Wildcats only mustered three points while the Horned Frogs scored five.
All three of the Wildcats

wins were notched by underclassmen. Sophomore Kali Yates was able to grab her eighth win of the year. This was Yates second victory at VENC, as she won her first round ride against UT-Martin last vear. Freshmen Rachel Webster and Shana Barnett also picked up individual victories in Equitation on the Flat and Equitation Over Fences respectively.

Track heads to California, Wichita

Paul Harris

senior staff writer

Severe weather forced K.T. Woodman Classic organizers to alter the plan of competition. A number of K-State track and field athletes were expected to compete today, but due to the weather, all of today's events are now scheduled for Saturday.

The event featuring 50 Wildcats will begin tomorrow at 10 a.m. at Cessna Stadium. K-State came away with five second-place finishes in last

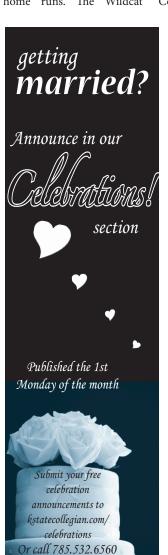
year's competition. Two distance runners will fly west to Walnut, Calif., to compete in the Mt. SAC Relays.

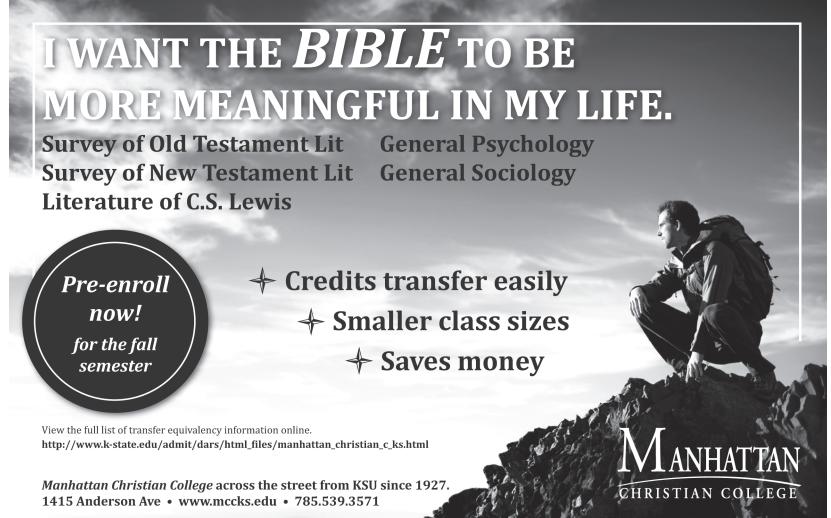
Sophomore Martina Tresch will participate in the women's 3,000 meter steeplechase invitational elite. Tresch is ranked 28th in the NCAA steeplechase. Tresch will be joined by fifth-ranked Klara Bodinson of SMU and 29th ranked Katy Andrews of BYU in the event, which features professional

and collegiate competitors. Senior Sydney Messick is one of 30 runners in the 10,000-meter Olympic Development Elite racé.

Tresch and Messick will not be the only Wildcats in action. Current volunteer assistant coach Beverly Ramos will also compete. Ramos will run in the women's 5,000-meter Invitational Elite, which will feature only seven collegiate athletes. Another former K-State track and field member Amy Mortimer will round the remaining 25 participants. Mortimer, like Ramos earned multiple All-America honors while they were at K-State.

A live webcast of the Mt. SAC Relays can be found at mtsacrelays.com. Results of the K.T. Woodman Classic will be posted as they happen at halfmiletiming.com.







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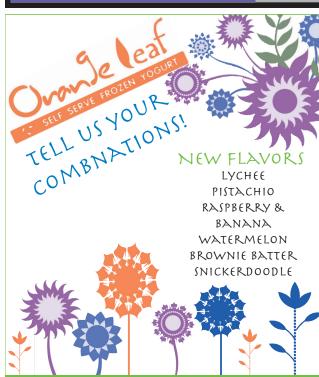


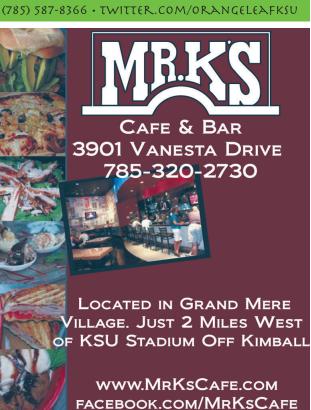
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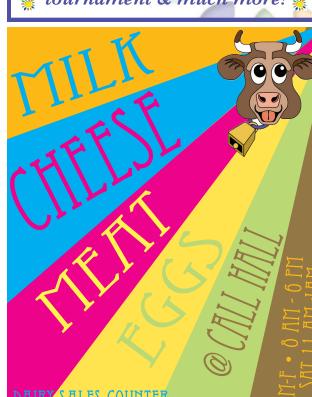
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Kate Middleton's style reflects middle-class origins, high-class future



at the announcement of their engagement November 16, 2010. Much speculation surrounds Middleton's

dress, which will not be revealed until the couple's





With the highly anticipated royal wedding weeks away, news about the royal couple is flooding the media. More specifically, for those of us in the fashion world, news about Kate Middleton's personal style and what her wedding dress will look like. Unfortunately, Kate is keeping pretty quiet on who will be making her dress. Ironically, Princess Diana was hush-hush as well. That isn't the only similarities that have been noted between the two iconic women.

Not only do they have the same body type and characteristics, but they have both been noted for their style of dress — simple and elegant. Long before the engagement was announced, fashion elite talked about how splendidly Middleton dressed herself for the position that she holds now and will hold in the future. In fact, she was on People Magazine's "Best Dressed" list in 2010 and Vanity Fair's "International Best Dressed" in 2008.

"She dresses exactly how she should — unbelievably appropriate; she's not fashion forward, but she's not behind either," said Emilie Mc-Meekan, Deputy Editor of UK society magazine Tatler, in a report from CNN

Middleton came from a middleclass family (her mother is a flight attendant, father a businessman) that worked for its money, and it shows in her shopping. Obviously she shops at expensive stores, but she has been known to shop at lower price points such as Top Shop as well. This is similar to Michelle Obama shopping at stores like J. Crew and H&M, making their styles well within the average consumers reach.

"She's not an aristocrat, she's not from the top drawer as Diana was, but she is a very egalitarian future princess," said Eve Pollard, former editor of U.K. tabloid The Sunday Mirror.

Middleton has an obvious obsession for fabulous millinery. Her favorite trend is quickly spreading through the fashion population. Kate is captured wearing these uniquely ornamented hats at dinners, special events or wherever the time calls for

it. From the sassy neutral feathers to the minimal beret, every hat poses to be the perfect accessory for a princess.

Now for the wedding dress; unfortunately, we won't know until the day comes who the lucky designer is that made the dress that is estimated to be seen by more than 750 million people. No pressure, huh? Royal protocol states that her dress must be "British" meaning that a British designer must make it. Fortunately for Middleton that will narrow down her options — a little bit.

Erdem Moralioglu, who is half-British, along with designers like John Galliano (before his scandal) have all been mentioned as options, but there is no doubt that Middleton will pick a designer that embodies her own personal style. I doubt that we see another train long enough to make your head spin like the previous princess.

No matter what dress Middleton will be sporting when she becomes Mrs. Prince William, there is a consensus that she will be immaculate in whatever she chooses. It is estimated that there will be a record number of people tuning in to see the couple tie the knot on April 29. Will you be one of them?

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'Hanna' delivers action with artistry

"Hanna"

★★★☆

Movie review by Patrick Bales

This is another film that has deceiving advertisements. The marketers clearly wanted to make "Hanna" look like an action thrill ride when it is actually more of a character driven art-house thriller. That's not to say "Hanna" doesn't contain any action. In fact, the action scenes are the best I've seen since last April with "Kick-Ass." There's no shaky camera work and the movie is rated PG-13, but director Joe Wright makes sure the action is as realistic and violent as possible. Thanks to the movie's focus on character development and Joe Wright's skilled direction, "Hanna" is one of the better films to come out so far this year.

Hanna (Saoirse Ronan) has been trained from childhood by her father (Eric Bana) to bring down enemies with deadly precision, so when she's ready, she can take out a corrupt CIA operative named Marissa Wiegler (Cate Blanchett). At 16, she informs her father she is ready for her mission. Once captured by Marissa and her operatives, Hanna discovers her true origins, and she could never have prepared for what she finds.

The story borrows a lot from the Bourne series and other action thrillers, but thanks to Wright's visual style, the movie maintains a sense of freshness. Notably, he infuses the film with a number of quick jump cuts into the running scenes that is very reminiscent of the 1998 movie, "Run Lola Run."

What surprised me the most about "Hanna" was its villains. They are evil and sinister, but

in a realistic way. Blanchett is especially strong as a CIA operative willing to do anything to apprehend Hanna and her father. This includes hiring a sadistic European (Tom Hollander), who makes up for his short stature by being completely ruthless. This kind of villain gives

"Hanna" a sense of unpredictability not found in many other films.

But best of all is Saoirse
Ronan as the title character,
Hanna. After seeing her Academy Award-nominated performance in "Atonement" and this film, it's very likely she'll be one of the next big stars in a number of years. She's one of those rare child actresses who displays the maturity of a woman in her 30s. In "Hanna," she delivers a multidimensional performance that keeps the film engaging even during its slower moments.

The weakest link in "Hanna" is its pacing. Screenwriters Seth Lochhead and David Farr simply do not throw enough twists into the whole mix. The plot goes through a lot of overdone devices before delivering a twist you could see coming. However, this isn't a huge problem thanks to the strong performances and Joe Wright's masterful direction.

"Hanna" is well worth recommending because it offers quite a bit to a wide range of audiences. Action junkies will get a kick out of seeing Hanna and her father smack around CIA operatives, and movie buffs will dig the unique style and solid performances from Ronan, Bana and Blanchett. If you want to see something that's well worth the price of a theater admission, this is your best bet.

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Good dental care makes strong impression

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One of ways people first communicate to each other when meeting is through their smile. Naturally, the first impression needs to be a good one and hence the importance for clean, shiny, white teeth. Clean teeth state to the other person that you take care of yourself meticulously, which is what dental care is all about

is what dental care is all about. Teeth stains and discoloration occur for a variety of reasons. According to the Oral Health Center on the website webmd.com, food, drinks, tobacco, poor dental hygiene, antibiotics, disease, advancing age, medical conditions and genetics are all causes of tooth discoloration.

According to Dr. A Ross Kerr on his July 23, 2009, article on emedicine.medscape. com, tooth discoloration can be either extrinsic or intrinsic. Extrinsic discoloration falls into one of three categories. N1-Type is where the colored material binds to the tooth's surface and the color of the binding chromogen is the

color of the stain formed, such as with tea, coffee and wine stains. N2-Type is where the colored material changes color after binding to the tooth's surface. This is usually a prolonged occurrence of the N1-Type, where the stains darken. N3-Type is where the material binds to the tooth's surface and undergoes a chemical reaction causing a colored stain. Examples of this kind are starch-rich substances, like apples and potatoes.

So what is it in these seemingly inevitable products of everyday use that make them stain one's teeth? According to animated-teeth.com, all beverages like coffee, teat, cola and wine have pigmented compounds, which, when consumed regularly or in large quantities, can get trapped within the tooth's enamel layer thereby resulting in discoloration.

Medications such as tetracycline, found in Benadryl, especially when given to children whose teeth are in the developing stages, can get incorporated in the developing enamel, thereby causing a permanent discoloration. If a child

is given excessive amounts of fluorides, that could result in Fluorosis, where the teeth turn chalky white or brown.

Smoke stains are also very common. Cigarettes or any tobacco products contain the chemical nicotine, which is a

chemical nicotine, which is a chromogen and hence bonds to the tooth enamel causing stains. These stains can get permanent with prolonged use and improper treatment of teeth.

Instead of going to the

books to see what could be done to keep teeth stains at bay, K-Staters shared their own thoughts on how they kept their teeth white and glossy.

"I think (taking care of your

I'd be the first to admit that I don't do the best job of keeping up on it," said Jaza Montgomery, senior in accounting and finance.

Some think people give too

teeth) is pretty important, but

much importance to dental care.

"I think that it's important, but Americans put too much emphasis on it. No one needs perfectly straight brilliant white teeth," said Becca Norman, senior in anthropol-

ogy.
When asked about his dental habits, "I brush before my morning class after breakfast, and then every night before bed," said Jason Finley, senior in chemistry.
Norman said she, too,

Norman said she, too, brushes them before she goes to bed.

"I've been flossing more lately," said Norman.

Most people agree that visiting the dentist regularly is a good way to have healthy teeth. However, Norman had a different opinion in that case, too.

"I used to go twice a year because that's what you're 'supposed to do,' but I haven't been for a year or so because I feel it's pointless and my parents don't remind me anymore," she said. Experts believe that regular

flossing and brushing is very important for healthy, long lasting teeth. webmd.com recommends avoiding or restricting use of the food items that are prone to cause stains and colorations. Dental bonding and dental veneers are other techniques to protect the teeth from stains, chipping and other harmful effects.



illustrations by Erin Poppe | Collegian Maintaining healthy teeth habits, such as dental check-ups and brushing, can assure a bright smile.



Coffee, wine, beer and tobacco are all products that stain and damage teeth.

Charlie Sheen's sudden popularity: entertainment or phase?

Sandi Lam

Is the Charlie Sheen phase going away? Apparently, he got booed at the opening night of his "Violent Torpedo of Truth/Defeat Is Not an Option" tour, yet he has been on every magazine cover as if people like him.

Celebrities can claim pretty extravagant things, but claiming to have tiger blood is on the extreme end. However, Sheen's recent antics have earned him a wave of popularity. It is not uncommon to see Sheen's quotes plastered over magazine spreads, and even presented in a comical manner on the Internet above photos of sloths. As a celebrity, he is watched closely by the media, but that does not mean the public cares to be updated at every check-out lane and every news website.

Most K-State students seem to take on a careless attitude toward Sheen's activity.

Juergen Greve, senior in mechanical engineering, shared his opinion on why Sheen is so popular now.

"Now that there are videos of him being crazy, he's huge. People like to see celebrities act weird," he said.

Sheen's overwhelming and sudden popularity seems to be due to his recent episodes as a celebrity, not because he has done something worthy of worldwide celebration.

"There are definitely weirder,

crazier and funnier poeple out there that don't get any attention," Greve said. "He's just in the spotlight already."

Blake Archer, junior in architecture, shares the same indifference toward Charlie Sheen's behavior.

"I find his show 'Two and a

"I find his show 'Two and a Half Men' funny, but his stand-up comedy and interviews as of lately are a waste of time," Archer said.

While Archer said he does not care about pop culture much, he gave Sheen a bit of credit.

"I have to say, he is making money off of living the way he wants, so kudos to him," he said. Other students saw Sheen's downhill turn as unfortunate.

downhill turn as unfortunate.
"It's sad because I remember watching him in 'Hot Shots' and 'Navy Seals' and I wouldn't say I idolized him, but he was one of my favorite actors at the time," said Kyle Tinsmon, junior in architecture.

It is understandable that former fans of Sheen are irritated or disappointed in the recent activity. Admitting that he prefers to

watch an infomercial over work by Sheen, Tinsmon said, "I won't support the embodiment of drug usage, spousal abuse and someone who has a case of the multimillionaire woe-is- me."

Sheen's problems are easily overlooked and dismissed due to his celebrity status. It is easy for a person to feel removed from his situation because of it. But for Lizzie Snell, sophomore in art, the issue hits home.

"I have had a family member go through a big addiction," Snell said. "I don't think the news should have hourlong specials about his addiction, because if he was an average person, no one would be coming into his living room and invading his privacy in such a fragilla state."

Knowing someone who has experienced firsthand the type of struggle that Sheen is facing makes it easier to relate to him, and much harder to dismiss.

"I think he should most defi-

rithink he should most delinitely be taken out of the public eye because he isn't in the right state of mind," Snell said. "People with serious addictions have situations and triggers that cause them to relapse."

Although Sheen has gotten so much attention due to his behaviors as a celebrity, the feedback is mostly negative.

"People with addictions aren't bad people," Snell said. "They are just sick and need positive people in their lives."

Ideally Sheen will be able to recover and begin repairing his life. Until then, people have got to wonder — what exactly is Charlie Sheen winning?



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Members of Fire, a K-State student and community feminist organization, organized this year's Take Back the Night event, and said this is the 12th time the event has happened at K-State.

"It is meant to bring aware-

ness to domestic and sexual violence, and also empower them and create a sense of community," said Amelia Engel, senior in women's studies and treasurer

Take Back the Night is a global event, and Engel said each celebration is different. Some groups hold a candlelight vigil in silence, but Engel said Fire aims to commemorate life.

Due to the threat of severe weather, not all seats in the Union Ballroom were filled. Nevertheless, attendees still made plenty of noise after the speeches, when they marched to Aggieville chanting empowering slogans.

Dan Hornsby, junior in English, said he went to Take Back the Night because he had friends in the group, and his band The Low End was playing after the march. Hornsby said he enjoyed the event.

"I thought the speaker was very compelling, to have personal narratives was inspiring," Hornsby said. "I was a little disappointed with the turnout, I hoped more people would come to support this great cause."

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Gonzales also appeared on KSN News on April 12, discussing her situation and encouraging people to help support Owen.

"I just think that it's ridiculous that they won't let him come cause he's not DNA," Gonzales said in the April 12 KSN broadcast. A clip of the broadcast and an article can be found

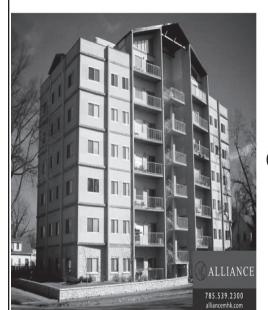
All of the Facebook "likes" and support paid off. Yesterday, the Army told Owen that he could return to Kansas to say his final goodbyes to his would-be adopted son. As of Thursday afternoon, Owen was on his way back to Kansas.

"I saw my son into this world, and now I want to be able to see him so he knows I said my last goodbyes," Owen said in KSN reporter shortly before he left Kuwait for Garden City on Thursday afternoon.

This opportunity to say goodbye is something that Owen deserves, Ortega said.

"He's been a really good dad He deserves to be commended for it," Ortega said. "He's not his biological son, but it's more respectable because he stepped

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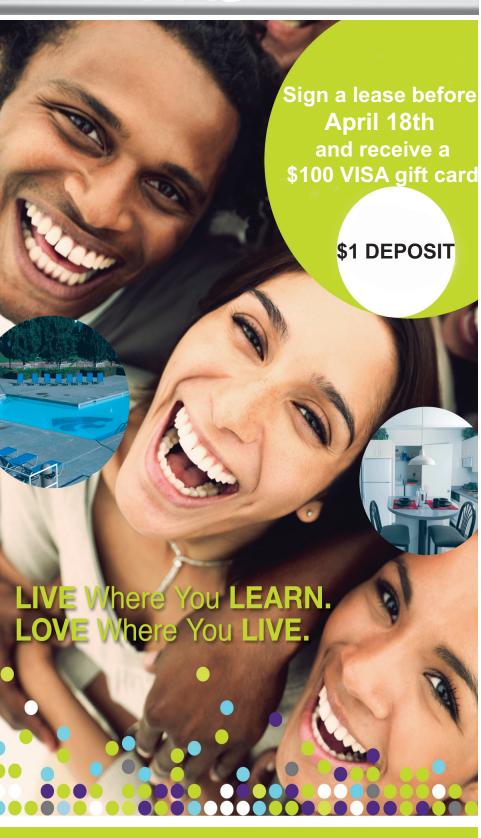
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